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1. Institutions of biological research in Hungary are now going through a period of reorganization. The Institute of Magyarovar will become part of an institute of agro-biology to be located at Martonvasar. This institute will also experiment in plant breeding. The Institute of Plant Genetics in Budapest, Hermann Otto ut. 15, will probably remain independent; it is concerned only with research in genetics on a hereditary basis. The agricultural academies at Debrecen, Keszthely, and Magyarovar have all been abolished and it is believed that the experimental station in Budapest will also be dissolved.
2. The choice of Martonvasar as the location of an agro-biological research institute is unfortunate, as the soil in this region is not homogeneous and is, therefore, not suitable for soil experimentation.
3. The following researchers have been appointed to the staff of the agro-biological institute to be established at Martonvasar: Lajos Kiss, about 30 years old; Jolán Bojtos, about 30 years old; Ferenc Borodok (or Borog) about 33 years old. All three men are married and have families. [redacted] the selection of married men with families for positions of this type is a conscious effort by Hungarian authorities to make defection more difficult. These men are not Communists nor are they Communist sympathizers.
4. It is reported that the former site of the Hungarian plant breeding institute at Magyarovar will be re-settled by thoroughly indoctrinated Communists, since it is a border town.
5. Until recently Hungarian researchers have received, in addition to their base salaries, a stipend given to scientists which amounted to 20 per cent. of the base salary. This has been eliminated and their salaries increased as much as three times.

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